

EARNEST DRY GOODS CO

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SINCERE WISHES
are backed up by deeds. We desire that our customers be pleased to aid them in being so by selling

Dry Goods, Millinery,
Dress Goods,
Ladies capes and Jackets,
MEN'S CLOTHING,
Hats and Shoes of Excellent quality at very
Low Prices.

The New Year is at hand, and with it we are offering some great Bargains in Millinery and Dress Goods. These goods will be closed out at 25 to 50 per cent reduction. A beautiful line of new and nobby Spring Suits of all the early Spring Ideas just arrived. They are O K, as well as the prices. Great variety and good values are the secret of our success. Don't fail to call and see the Great Bargains we are offering—new ones every week.

Thanking you for past favors, and soliciting a continuance of the same, and wishing you a Happy New Year, we are

EARNEST DRY GOODS CO

The Only

Exclusive Gents' Clothing Store

in Punta Gorda that keeps a
FULL AND COMPLETE LINE OF
Men's and Boy's Clothing
FURNISHINGS, HATS AND SHOES.

Biggest Stock of Nobby Hats in Town.

NOTHING MORE

Suitable for a Christmas Present

than a nice suit, hat or cravat.

Agent for the Royal Tailors, Chicago,

Measures Taken.

SUITS MADE TO ORDER

and a fit guaranteed

R. C. BLOUNT Propr.

NEXT DOOR TO POST OFFICE. PUNTA GORDA, FLA.

New Grocery!

New Goods!

FRESH AND RELIABLE STOCKS OF

STAPLE AND FANCY GROCERIES

At the Lowest Living Prices.

Prompt delivery free to any part of the city. A share of your patronage is solicited.

WAKEFIELD & RICKERSON,

Corner Marian Avenue and King Street.

Big Supply of Stove Wood Cut to any length desired. Orders filled promptly at the LOWEST PRICES.

For Rock Bottom Prices in

STAPLE AND FANCY GROCERIES

FRESH and RELIABLE

and also the cheapest crockery in town.

CALL ON

Southerland Bros.

N. D. SMITH. E. C. LEE. J. W. LESTER.

The Tampa Monumental Works,

MANUFACTURERS OF

Marble and Granite Monuments,

Headstones and Tablets.

TAMPA, FLORIDA.

HIGH GRADE IRON FENCING A SPECIALTY.

ESTIMATES ON BUILDING MARBLE FURNISHED.

W. J. CARTER.

Manufacturer of yellow pine, rough

and dressed lumber, full sizes, and

cypress shingles.

Makes a specialty of kiln dried

flooring, ceiling and siding.

Write for prices before placing

your orders.

W. J. CARTER,

CARTERS, FLORIDA.

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PHOTOGRAPHS.

Enlargements

F. G. ARNOLD, Photographer.

Does all kinds of photographic work

at the lowest reasonable prices. Photo-

graphs made by the latest methods in

either platinum or glass finish, as desired

by the customer.

Hours from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. every

day except Sunday.

Jan-3-11 F. G. ARNOLD.

Opp. First Nat. Bank, ARCADIA.

FIRE, HEALTH AND ACCIDENT

INSURANCE!

JOHN H. FARRINGTON - Agent.

Aetna Insurance Company of Hartford,

Continental Fire Insurance Company of

New York.

Pacific Fire Insurance Company of New

York.

The Fidelity and Casualty Company of

New York.

Do you know what **HEALTH INSUR-**

ANCE is? It may be worth \$5 per

week to you to call at this agency and

be informed.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

PERSONAL POINTERS PITILY PRINTED.

Various Items Garnered From This and

Other Fields—What Our People

Are Doing.

Tourists are arriving in numbers.

County school board met Tuesday.

Circuit court at Arcadia Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed M. Earnest visited

Arcadia last week.

High school re-opened Wednesday.

Gen. Gilchrist visited Jacksonville

on business Tuesday.

County commissioners met Tues-

day.

Miss Sadie Kilgore, of Pebble, Fla.,

is visiting her sister, Mrs. M. Tucker,

on Cross street.

Cashier Williams of the Punta

Gorda bank is having a modern ce-

ment sidewalk laid in front of his

residence on Cross street.

Willis Dewey left Wednesday on

his return to school in Cleveland, O.

Ye scribe was misinformed about his

leaving previously.

Mesdames J. A. Baldwin and T. J.

D. Lamar are enjoying a week's visit

amongst friends in St. Petersburg.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Hewett have

moved from Englewood to Punta

Gorda and are cordially welcomed

by our people.

Contractors and all others can get

low prices on paints, oils and var-

nishes at Jas. A. Newsome's. 521f

Mr. Willie Lamar and his charming

sister, Miss Ella, of Arcadia,

spent Monday here visiting their

brother, Capt. Joe Lamar.

Pastor Ferran, of the Presbyterian

church, after spending the holidays

very pleasantly amongst kindred

and friends in Euclid, has returned

to his ministerial labors.

Last Saturday was the regular pay

day of the Peace River Phosphate

Mining Company. All the employees

as usual were paid off, the amount

distributed amongst them aggregat-

ing \$5,000.

Paints, oils and varnishes at Jas.

A. Newsome's. 521f

DeSoto county people visiting Tam-

pa will find the best of dinners and

the politest attention at Hotel Arno,

which is near the Plant system depot.

Conductor Joe Lamar dines there,

and conductors always know which

is the best place to go to.

See the new advertisement of the

new grocery, Wakefield & Nickerson

proprietors. They carry also a big

stock of stove wood cut to any length

desired. Groceries and wood deliv-

ered promptly to all parts of the city.

Sarah Elizabeth, infant daughter

of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ochiltree, was

christened by Rev. T. J. Purdue in the

Episcopal church last Sunday

morning.

The famous Diamond Points at

Jas. A. Newsome's. 521f

A reliable supply of drinking wa-

ter is one of the most imperative

needs of the town. If we cannot get

water distilled by Nature from the

Scandinavian mountains, let us get

the best that is accessible to provide

against anything like a water fam-

ine. The council should give this

subject earnest attention.

The district trustees have decided

to extend the present term of the

public high school to eight months

and there seems no doubt that the

town council will make an appropri-

ation to add another month, thus

giving the school a full nine months

term. Good. Nothing like schools

and churches to build up a town.

THE HERALD man went to Tampa

Tuesday and found that city flourish-

ing as the wicked are said to do.

Capt. Joe Lamar's lightning passen-

ger express between here and Tampa

was observed to be doing a rushing

business—making money for the

Plant System. Good train, fine con-

ductor, brave engineer and blessed

schedule. May they all run 365 1/4

days in every year for many years.

Col. Wm. N. Jackson, Duke of Ox-

moor, Lane Park, Lake county, ar-

rived at Hotel Dade Tuesday night.

He is one of those companionable,

entertaining and optimistic gentle-

men that it is a joy to meet, and he

is a splendid business man withal.

He represents the big fruit house of

J. H. Seward & Co., Baltimore, and

is down here to buy two or three doz-

en car loads of tomatoes. Florida has

no better friend than Col. Jackson.

Big lot of seed Irish potatoes just

arrived at Jas. A. Newsome's. 521f

The annual meeting of the stock-

holders of the Punta Gorda Bank was

held January 7. The business of this

Dr. Latham is back from his hol-

iday visit to kindred and friends in

Fernandina and Jacksonville.

Agent Tucker, of the express com-

pany, with his two lively and gen-

tlemanly little boys, visited Lake-

land last Sunday.

Uncle Sam Aughe and A. J. Peza,

of Charlotte Harbor, went out hunt-

ing last Saturday and brought in a

fine buck.

Mrs. S. J. Wells, Mrs. E. L. Webb

and her granddaughter, Lucille Gra-

ham, of Louisville, Ky., have come

to their winter home here and will

remain until May.

The union prayer meetings have

been increasing in interest each

night. The meeting tonight will be

in the Methodist church, tomorrow

night in the Presbyterian.

The barge "Yarkand," Carlsen mas-

ter, completed loading 1855 tons of

phosphate rock January 5, for the

Goulding Fertilizer Company, Pen-

sacola, Florida, and was towed to

destination by the mammoth steam

tug "Echo," owned by E. E. Saun-

ders of Pensacola.

C. L. Ruth and T. J. Reynolds,

prominent citizens of Montgomery,

Alabama, arrived Sunday and on

Monday started out with Clay Porter

on a fortnight's hunt in the Ever-

glades.

Marshal Bowman insists on prompt

compliance with the sanitary ordi-

nances requiring the cleaning of all

premises about town. In a few days

he will make an inspection and re-

port to the mayor all parties neglect-

ing to observe the ordinance.

Mr. R. Z. Jones, a fine young gen-

tleman from Valdosta, Ga., is here

prospecting for a location for a truck

farm and orange grove. If he suc-

ceeds in his quest, he will settle here

and will shortly be followed by his

father-in-law, Mr. D. C. Beville

of Lake Park, Ga.

Marshal Bowman is after the dogs.

The license tax is now past due and

he says the ordinance requires him

to catch and impound or kill all dogs

upon which the license has not been

paid. Owners had therefore better

pay up quick.

There was a very enjoyable card

party at the home of Mr. and Mrs.

Ed M. Earnest on the evening of the

2d. The game played was whist.

The ladies' first prize was won by

Miss Mable Roe; gentleman's by C.

Rogers of New Haven, Conn. The

booby prizes were awarded to

Mr. E. Van Riper and Mrs. A. F.

Dewey.

The very finest Florida syrup at

Jas. A. Newsome's. 521f

The Tampa Business College re-

ceived at the late State Fair the high-

est awards for the best courses of

study and fine penmanship. The at-

tendance at the college this term is

the largest since its establishment in

1880.

Mr. Townsend Clark, of New York,

manager of the Hotel Tarpon, Grove

City, was an agreeable caller in this

office Monday. The Tarpon has been